

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, following the title, please delete the section of text following the heading Related Applications, and insert the following amended replacement paragraph:

The subject application is a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 09/923,640, filed August 7, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional patent application no. 60/223,359, filed August 7, 2000 of Sale et al., entitled "Unsupported Multizone Microporous Membrane," the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference to the extent not inconsistent with the present disclosure.